

Mondale Asks for Probe of IRS Lawyer

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Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.) yesterday called for an investigation of an Internal Revenue Service attorney, Roger V. Barth, whose name has been mentioned in allegations of attempts to use the IRS for political purposes.

Mondale asked Meade Whitaker, President Nixon's nominee as chief IRS counsel, to conduct the inquiry. Whitaker's nomination is awaiting action by the Senate.

In a letter to Whitaker, Mondale said the allegations against Barth, who is deputy chief counsel for the IRS, were serious.

"Such activities, if proved, represent a serious threat to the integrity of the IRS and to public confidence and trust in the service," he wrote.